

7th Grade Advanced ELA Summer Reading Assignment

Purpose:

Summer reading offers students an opportunity to enjoy quality literature while growing their independent reading skills. Students demonstrate their abilities through standards-based engagements in comprehension and vocabulary. This self-directed experience will allow students to reinforce skills previously learned and prepare them for future learning.

Below is the list of books for students to choose from. Each 7th grade advanced student is REQUIRED to choose a book to read from the book list on this page and complete the SOAPStone question sheet that can be found on our school website.

*The district-wide grading expectations for this assignment is that it will count as one quiz grade. You may refer to the district letter also found on Fulmer's website.

EXTRA CREDIT (In addition to the required assignment, you have a choice to complete an extra credit assignment): For 7th Grade Advanced classes, students have an opportunity for extra credit if they read a book off of the 2018-2019 Junior Book Awards list (also found on Fulmer's website) and complete the SOAPStone document. The due date is the same as the required assignment, August 31.

Text Selections for Required Assignment:

1. ***The Giver*** by Lois Lowry: Jonas's world is perfect. Everything is under control. There is no war or fear or pain. There are no choices. Every person is assigned a role in the Community. When Jonas turns twelve, he is singled out to receive special training from The Giver. The Giver alone holds the memories of the true pain and pleasure of life. Now it's time for Jonas to receive the truth. There is no turning back.
2. ***Prisoner B-3087*** by Alan Gratz (***Disclaimer: Since the book takes place during the Holocaust, please know that some parts of the story are very telling of what the Jewish people went through during this time.**): Ten concentration camps. Ten different places where you are starved, tortured, and worked mercilessly. It's something no one could imagine surviving. But it is what Yanek Gurener has to face. As a Jewish boy in 1930s Poland, Yanek is at the mercy of the Nazis who have taken over. Everything he has and everyone he loves have been snatched brutally from him. And then Yanek himself is taken prisoner--his arm marked B-3087. He is forced from one nightmarish concentration camp to another, as World War II rages all around him. He encounters evil he could never have imagined, but also sees surprising glimpses of hope amid the horror.
3. ***Where the Red Fern Grows*** by Wilson Rawls: This is an adventurous tale about a young boy and his quest for his own red-bone hound hunting dogs. Set in the Ozark Mountains during the Great Depression, Billy Coleman works hard and saves his earnings for two years to achieve his dream of buying two coonhound pups.